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Statistical Profile of Unmarried Women: Louisiana¹

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I. Population, 18 years and older, 2014²

Total:	3.342 million
Men:	1.583 million (47.4% of total)
Women:	1.759 million (52.6% of total)
Married women: ³	0.790 million (23.6% of total; 44.9% of women)
Unmarried women:	0.969 million (29.0% of total; 55.1% of women)
<i>Widowed:</i>	<i>0.179 million (10.2% of women; 18.5% of unmarried women)</i>
<i>Divorced:</i>	<i>0.232 million (13.2% of women; 23.9% of unmarried women)</i>
<i>Separated:</i>	<i>0.059 million (3.3% of women; 6.1% of unmarried women)</i>
<i>Never married:</i>	<i>0.499 million (28.4% of women; 51.5% of unmarried women)</i>
Non-Hispanic White:	2.080 million (62.2% of total)
<i>Unmarried women:</i>	<i>0.483 million (23.2% of non-Hisp. White; 49.9% of unm. women)</i>
African American: ⁴	1.034 million (30.9% of total)
<i>Unmarried women:</i>	<i>0.434 million (41.9% of Af.Am.; 44.8% of unmarried women)</i>
Hispanic: ⁵	0.100 million (3.0% of total)
<i>Unmarried women:</i>	<i>0.028 million (27.6% of Hispanic; 2.9% of unmarried women)</i>
Asian: ⁶	0.062 million (1.9% of total)
<i>Unmarried women:</i>	<i>0.009 million (15.3% of Asian; 1.0% of unmarried women)</i>
With children under 18:	
Married women:	0.263 million (33.3% of married women)
Unmarried women:	0.228 million (23.6% of unmarried women)
<i>Widowed:</i>	<i>0.006 million (3.2% of widowed women)</i>
<i>Divorced:</i>	<i>0.059 million (25.6% of divorced women)</i>
<i>Separated:</i>	<i>NA</i>
<i>Never married:</i>	<i>0.134 million (26.9% of never married women)</i>

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II. Age Distribution, 18 years and over, 2014

(percentages are of each row)⁷

	<u>Median</u>	<u><30</u>	<u>30-49</u>	<u>50-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Total:	47	24.3%	30.2%	26.9%	18.6%
Men:	46	25.6%	29.7%	27.5%	17.2%
Women:	48	23.1%	30.6%	26.3%	19.9%
Married women:	51	10.1%	34.6%	36.3%	19.0%
Unmarried women:	42	33.8%	27.4%	18.2%	20.6%
<i>Widowed:</i>	72	0.0%	5.8%	13.5%	80.6%
<i>Divorced:</i>	50	3.6%	44.5%	34.8%	17.1%
<i>Separated:</i>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<i>Never married:</i>	26	61.7%	26.2%	9.2%	2.9%

III. Educational Attainment, 18 years and over, 2014

(numbers in millions; percentages are of each row)⁸

	<u>High school degree/ less</u>	<u>Some college</u>	<u>College graduate/ post-graduate</u>
Total:	1.579 (47.3%)	1.041 (31.2%)	0.721 (21.6%)
Men:	0.809 (51.1%)	0.448 (28.3%)	0.326 (20.6%)
Women:	0.771 (43.8%)	0.593 (33.7%)	0.395 (22.4%)
Married women:	0.294 (37.2%)	0.271 (34.3%)	0.225 (28.5%)
Unmarried women:	0.477 (49.2%)	0.323 (33.3%)	0.169 (17.5%)
<i>Widowed:</i>	0.124 (69.1%)	0.034 (18.8%)	0.022 (12.2%)
<i>Divorced:</i>	0.109 (47.0%)	0.081 (34.8%)	0.042 (18.2%)
<i>Separated:</i>	NA	NA	NA
<i>Never married:</i>	0.207 (41.4%)	0.191 (38.3%)	0.102 (20.4%)

IV. Labor Force Participation and Unemployment, 18 years and over, 2014

(percentages for employed are of adult civilian population for each row; percentages for unemployed are of labor force for each row)⁹

Total:	61.8%: 57.1% employed; 7.6% unemployed
Men:	67.6%: 62.3% employed; 7.7% unemployed
Women:	56.6%: 52.3% employed; 7.5% unemployed
Married women:	57.6%: 55.4% employed; 3.8% unemployed
Unmarried women:	55.8%: 49.8% employed; 10.7% unemployed
<i>Widowed:</i>	14.2%: 14.2% employed; 0.0% unemployed
<i>Divorced:</i>	62.4%: 57.7% employed; 7.6% unemployed
<i>Separated:</i>	NA
<i>Never married:</i>	68.3%: 60.5% employed; 11.4% unemployed

V. Minimum wage

Louisiana has no state minimum wage, thus hourly wage workers are covered by the federal standard of \$7.25/hour,¹⁰ as are its tipped (or sub-minimum) wage workers at the rate of \$2.13/hour. Nearly eight in ten of all minimum wage or below-minimum wage workers in Louisiana are women.¹¹

VI. Median Earnings for Full-time, Year-round Workers, Person Earnings, 18 years and over, 2015¹²

Total:	\$43,170
Men:	\$50,201
Women:	\$33,401 (66.5% of men's earnings)
Married women:	\$43,161 (86.0% of men's earnings)
Unmarried women:	\$30,000 (59.8% of men's earnings)
<i>Widowed:</i>	<i>\$27,401 (54.6% of men's earnings)</i>
<i>Divorced:</i>	<i>\$35,495 (70.7% of men's earnings)</i>
<i>Separated:</i>	<i>\$30,000 (59.8% of men's earnings)</i>
<i>Never married:</i>	<i>\$28,000 (55.8% of men's earnings)</i>

VII. Distribution of Household Income,¹³ 18 years and over, 2013 (percentages are of each row)¹⁴

	<u>0-\$11,999</u>	<u>\$12-\$24,999</u>	<u>\$25-\$39,999</u>	<u>\$40-\$74,999</u>	<u>\$75,000+</u>
Total:	16.3%	15.4%	18.0%	21.9%	28.4%
Men:	13.8%	14.9%	17.5%	22.9%	30.9%
Women:	18.6%	15.8%	18.5%	21.0%	26.2%
Married women:	6.1%	9.9%	16.2%	24.9%	42.8%
Unmarried women:	28.7%	20.5%	20.4%	17.8%	12.6%
<i>Widowed:</i>	<i>28.2%</i>	<i>31.2%</i>	<i>20.9%</i>	<i>14.0%</i>	<i>5.7%</i>
<i>Divorced:</i>	<i>26.2%</i>	<i>24.0%</i>	<i>20.5%</i>	<i>18.9%</i>	<i>10.5%</i>
<i>Separated:</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>
<i>Never married:</i>	<i>28.0%</i>	<i>15.0%</i>	<i>21.6%</i>	<i>18.9%</i>	<i>16.5%</i>

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VIII. Number and percentage of 18 years and over without Health Insurance Coverage for the entire calendar year, 2013 and 2014¹⁵

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Total:	496,874 (15.0%)	528,819 (15.8%)
Men:	254,639 (16.3%)	261,486 (16.6%)
Women:	242,235 (13.9%)	267,334 (15.1%)
Married women:	65,314 (8.3%)	74,789 (9.5%)
Unmarried women:	176,921 (18.4%)	192,544 (19.7%)
• <i>Widowed:</i>	15,746 (8.5%)	8,589 (5.2%)
• <i>Divorced:</i>	34,987 (18.6%)	42,330 (19.2%)
• <i>Separated:</i>	NA	10,416 (19.7%)
• <i>Never married:</i>	120,247 (21.9%)	131,209 (24.4%)

IX. Number in Poverty and Poverty Rates, 18 years and over, 2013 and 2014¹⁶

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Total:	553,840 (16.7%)	645,744 (19.3%)
Men:	196,971 (12.6%)	248,715 (15.8%)
Women:	356,869 (20.4%)	397,029 (22.5%)
Married women:	44,692 (5.7%)	70,222 (8.9%)
Unmarried women:	312,178 (32.5%)	326,807 (33.4%)
• <i>Widowed:</i>	46,148 (25.0%)	41,455 (25.0%)
• <i>Divorced:</i>	60,555 (32.3%)	68,339 (30.9%)
• <i>Separated:</i>	NA	19,926 (37.7%)
• <i>Never married:</i>	194,726 (35.5%)	197,088 (36.6%)

NA=Not available because of insufficient sample for further analysis

¹ Unless otherwise indicated, all figures in this analysis are for vote eligible population only

² Census Bureau, "Current Population Survey: Voting and Registration Supplement," November 2014, http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps_ftp.html.

³ Married women includes married with spouse absent.

⁴ Includes Hispanic.

⁵ Hispanic may be of any race.

⁶ Includes Hispanic.

⁷ Census Bureau, "Current Population Survey: Voting and Registration Supplement," November 2014, http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps_ftp.html.

⁸ Census Bureau, "Current Population Survey: Voting and Registration Supplement," November 2014, http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps_ftp.html.

⁹ Census Bureau, "Current Population Survey: Voting and Registration Supplement," November 2014, http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps_ftp.html.

¹⁰ National Conference of State Legislatures, "State Minimum Wages: 2015 Minimum Wage by State," June 30, 2015, <http://www.ncsl.org/research/labor-and-employment/state-minimum-wage-chart.aspx>.

¹¹ National Women's Law Center, "Women, The Minimum Wage, and the Wage Gap State by State," August 2015, http://www.nwlc.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/women_the_minimum_wage_and_the_wage_gap_state_by_state_8.11.15.pdf.

¹² Census Bureau, "Current Population Survey: March Supplement," March 2015, http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps_ftp.html.

¹³ Household income includes the sum of the income of all people 15 years and older living in the household. Income is pre-tax income, and includes wages, self-employment income, interest payments, Social Security and pension income, and public assistance, among other sources.

¹⁴ Census Bureau, "Current Population Survey: Voting and Registration Supplement," November 2014, http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps_ftp.html.

¹⁵ Census Bureau, "Current Population Survey: March Supplement," March 2014 and March 2015, http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/ftp/cps_ftp.html.

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